

G. O. P. LEADERS FAVOR BUILDING GREATER NAVY

Poindexter Charges British
Propaganda Back of
Navy Holiday.

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By ROBERT BARRY.

The navy has pitted the battleship against the airplane, but has yet to be convinced that the dreadnaught should be scrapped. Senator Miles W. Poindexter, Republican, of Washington, declared in the Senate yesterday during a lively debate over disarmament. The Senator indicated he based his statement on testimony given by naval officers in executive session during consideration of the Borah resolution suggesting a six-month suspension of construction of capital ships.

Sensor Poindexter declared, during a colloquy with Senator Borah, that the navy had for some time been "carrying on experiments in launching torpedoes from airplanes against battleships, and is encountering many difficulties in establishing what the Senator from Idaho would have us adopt as a naval policy." The Navy Department already had announced unsuccessful efforts were made to bomb the battleship Iowa from airplanes.

Airplane Auxiliary.

In view of the support given Senator Poindexter by Senator Lodge and other Republican Senators interested in naval affairs, it was clear the Republican policy would be to continue the construction of capital ships while acquiring submarines and all other modern auxiliaries, including airplanes. Aeronautics, it was indicated, would play a large part in naval strategy, but would not become the sole reliance of the United States. The airplane will supplement, not supplant, the dreadnaught.

After Senator Poindexter had stated that testimony given in executive session before the Naval Affairs Committee confirmed newspaper reports to the effect that naval officers charged British propaganda in the United States were urging a suspension of naval construction by this country, Senator Borah demanded that such testimony be given to the American people. He argued that if the British practice were guilty of such a practice it was not less unfriendly to the people of the United States than were the acts of German official agents in this country.

Questions Reported.

He said he did not believe the reports, and Senator Brandegee, joined him in his skepticism. Mr. Borah declared, however, that if he were able to obtain a transcript of the testimony taken by the Senate Committee, he would make it public despite Mr. Poindexter's insistence that matters of that kind bearing upon the international relations of the United States should be held in secret.

Poindexter went beyond the report of the Senate Committee on the Borah suspension resolution, to state that if the United States were to halt work on its capital ships, this nation would be playing into the hands of another nation which is now working on an elaborate construction program. He declared those six months could never be regained and he became very emphatic in urging that America never suspend for an hour until there was an agreement among the leading powers for reduction of armaments.

Urges Constant Work.

The Senator from Washington declared that Great Britain with double the battleship line of any other nation "could well afford" to urge that the United States suspend construction of capital ships for six months. There were frequent references to the Japanese naval program, and it was argued that any cessation in the United States simply was a ready means of permitting other powers to go ahead. He opposed the suspension suggestion as a defeatist policy.

Borah insisted the Navy Department never had made any real investigation of the relative merits of the airplane and the battleship. It was then that Mr. Poindexter disclosed naval activities.

Sensor Poindexter entered a protest against what he viewed as a widespread notion that the dreadnaughts would lack airplane and submarine protection in any battle with an enemy aerial force. It was idle, he urged, to picture the conflict of one between a single battleship standing still and permitting an airplane to fly at will dropping bombs.

**Baker to Leave Town
On "The Day After"**

Secretary of War Baker yesterday announced his plans for leaving Washington after the inaugural festivities. He has engaged transportation to take himself and family to Cleveland at 7 o'clock on the night of March 5.

"I presume that by the fifth the new Secretary of War will be ready to qualify himself for the duties of his office," he said, "and I will be ready to leave the military and catch my train." He said, "in the following Monday I will be engaged in the practice of law."

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Claims Nations Have Forgotten Lord's Dictates

"All Evil Revenges Self
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By HEINRICH PETERMEYER.
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BERLIN, Feb. 11.—I am able today to make public for the first time the only interview with former Kaiser Wilhelm since he crossed the German boundary into Holland. The circumstances under which the interview was obtained are given below.

In answer to a question as to why Germany lost the war, the Kaiser said:

"We would never have lost the war if my people had remained true to themselves. I always assert with Martin Luther that 'if the world were full of devils who would swallow us up, we still would succeed if we did not fear for ourselves.' We had already overcome hunger and need—despite the fact that America had joined hands with our eternal enemy, Britain. The betrayal of Germany signified her death sentence."

Scourge of God.

"And notice how God scourges the whole world—all evil revenges itself here on earth."

Through the good offices of Count Oldenburg Bentinck, I was invited to Amerongen to be presented personally to the Kaiser by Gen. von Gontard, court marshal.

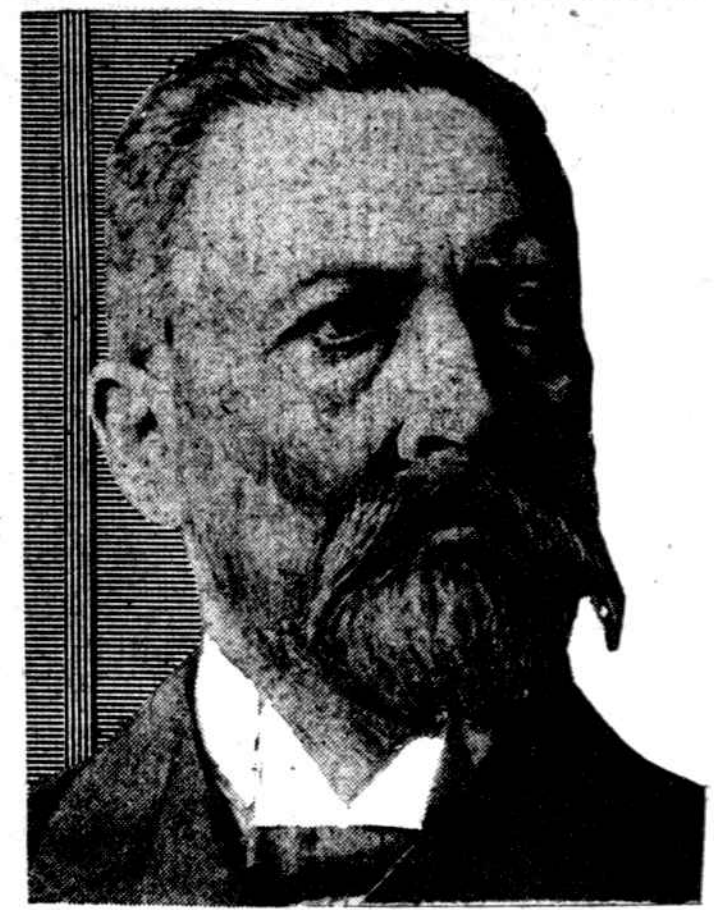
When I entered the garden, I saw quite distant, the Kaiser marching up and down with the court marshal in military tempo. The Kaiserlin had seated herself in a quiet corner on a bench and sat there alone.

"When Gen. von Gontard claps his hands then you must hurry over," I was told. When the court marshal signalled, I ran over and stood, hat in hand. At the same moment, the Kaiserlin departed.

In Hunting Costume.

The Kaiser was in brown hunting costume with a dark gray cape and wore a small hunting hat with a feather. Suddenly he turned about and viewed me with an eagle glance. He stepped up and the Kaiser grasped my hand firmly. I went in quick military tempo on the Kaiser's left side. Directly behind us went Von Gontard and listened attentively. The Kaiser said:

"Please put your hat on and tell me about your study. You are a



FORMER EMPEROR OF GERMANY.

Latest picture of the former war lord to reach the United States. Note the changed features, and the fanatical brightness of the eyes, bearing out the published assertion that brooding over his troubles in his Dutch retreat has changed him into a religious fanatic.

HIGH LIGHTS OF KAISER'S INTERVIEW.

My people have betrayed itself, its God and me. The whole world has denied God. We never would have lost the war if the German people had remained true to themselves. The Socialists are chiefly guilty. The world looked different then (1888) than now. It wasn't without intention that I showed the Italian Victor Emmanuel in July, 1913, my fleet in Kiel. Notice how God scourged the world—all evil revenges itself here on earth. The sword of peace was struck out of my hand by my best friends.

Hollander but your father is German."

"He comes from Lippe-Deimold," I replied.

"I always think back to that place with pleasure," said the Kaiser. "In the beginning of my government—in the year of 1888, that's a long time ago—in the month of September, I was there on a through trip—in the next month I visited

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TWO ARE FREED IN MINGO TRIAL

State Nolle Prosses Murder
Charge of Atwood
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WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Feb. 11.—When the State puts its first witness on the stand in the Mingo trial tomorrow morning there will be only nineteen defendants. Two of those originally indicted for the murder of Detective Albert Felt were set free today against their will. They are H. H. Atwood and B. R. Page. The latter the only negro among the accused.

The scene that followed was dramatic in the extreme. Atwood was on his feet the moment his name had been linked with the word "Nolle." He pleaded, begged, demanded to be tried.

Not until Judge Robert D. Bailey had sustained the nolle motion, in the face of new interminable delay, threatened by the prosecution, did the pair reluctantly leave their prisoner's seats and join the spectators as free men.

"It's either all of us free or none of us," he said. "It doesn't suit me a damned bit—I want to stick with these boys. They're as innocent as I am. I want to go back to jail."

He declined to enter the lists of witnesses for the State.

"I told them," he said, "that I was a witness for the defense. I stood a few feet from Albert Felt in the battle. I saw the first shot fired."

G. U. SENIORS WIN DEBATING HONORS

John Emmett O'Neill, senior at Georgetown University Law School, won first honors at the debate in the auditorium of the school last night. The seniors and juniors argued "Whether Future Amendments to the Constitution of the United States Should Be Referred to the People by the Referendum."

The negatives won the debate, according to Albert Schulteis, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Thomas Bradley, president of the Board of Trade; Representative Ladislav Lazaro, of Louisiana; Maurice D. Rosenberg, and Thomas W. Brabner, attorneys, who formed the board of judges.

The affirmative team were: John Allan Thamen, Joseph Antone Cantrell and John V. Brennan, all juniors. The negatives were: John Emmett O'Neill, Lawrence J. Hogan and Lieut. C. C. McCall. Francis W. Cullen presided. Thomas H. Gardiner was chairman of the reception committee. Five hundred attended.

President and Wife Visit New Home

President and Mrs. Wilson spent an hour and a half yesterday at their proposed new home, 2349 S street, straightening out the President's books and household effects already moved there.

"The President wanted to make certain that his books had been unpacked and shelved properly," said one White House official. "He and Mrs. Wilson personally supervised the placing of the books and arrangement of the furniture."

Germans Start Big Radio in Argentina

LONDON, Feb. 11.—German commercial interests shortly will erect in Argentine one of the most powerful radio stations in the world and it will work only with Germany. In this enterprise is seen a big step in Germany's effort to capture the trade of South America in direct competition with the United States.

A corporation has been formed under the laws of Argentina, with 3,000,000 pesos preferred and 4,000,000 pesos common stock, in which the Siemens Schuckert Company indirectly are interested. The preferred stock is reported here as all subscribed and is paid for, while the common is to be turned over to the two companies named in exchange for material. One alternator already is enroute from Germany and it is reported material for six steel towers is being sent.

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NONEDUCATOR BEST ON BOARD, SAYS SPEAKER

Assistant School Head
Says Criticism Is
Essential.

It would be worse than a calamity to abolish the Board of Education and put the direction of the public schools in the hands exclusively of technical educators, according to Stephen E. Kramer, assistant superintendent of public schools, who addressed the education group of the City Club at a meeting Thursday night at the clubhouse.

"The public schools belong to the people," said Kramer, "and I believe the public should have a very decided voice in determining the kind of education that shall be furnished. I believe in educating the children the way the public wants them educated."

Nonexperts Needed.

"The Board of Education furnishes a contact between the general public and the trained technical educators at the head of the school system. In my thirty-one years with the public schools of the district I have found that the most valuable members of the Board of Education usually were men who could not qualify as educational experts. The most valuable members, as a rule, are the men with business experience, good, hard common-sense, broad vision, and a knowledge of what the community wants."

Kramer said that the public should take a greater interest in school matters and should become more insistent in its demands.

"As soon as the people really want something," he said, "they will take steps to see why they are not getting it. At the moment on the part of the community will make it easier for the school authorities to bring about many reforms that they long have cherished but have felt they could not introduce without full public support."

Better Days Ahead.

"Sometimes I think that we don't have enough constructive criticism of the public school system. Better days are ahead for the school system as soon as we have a sympathetically critical public."

He added that the most pressing need of the schools now is additional housing. Although the city has 161 schools, most of them are only of the eight-room type, and the overcrowding has reached a serious stage. He said the need was for larger schools. At present, he said, the city really had too many small-capacity schools.

CONGRESS ACCEPTS SUFFRAGE STATUE

Acceptance of the suffrage statue for the unveiling of which at the Capitol next Tuesday the National Woman's party has arranged an elaborate program was voted by the Joint Library Committee of Congress yesterday.

The statue, which weighs 16,000 pounds, will be moved into the Capitol rotunda for the ceremonies and then placed temporarily in the crypt just below the rotunda. It represents in bust form Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott, pioneers in the long war of women for the right of ballot. It was carved by Mrs. Adelaide Johnson of Carrara marble. Organization representing 10,000,000 women of the nation will take part in the ceremonies through their chosen representatives.

Bill Honoring Allied Vets Favorably Reported

The bill by Representative Johnson of South Dakota, to bestow the Congressional medal of honor upon the unidentified British and French soldiers recently buried at Westminster Abbey and the Arcade Triumphant was reported favorably yesterday by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Women's Council Has Valentine Social

Each member of the Business Women's Council were her heart on the outside of her gown last night when the organization met in the auditorium of the Church of the Covenant and held its annual Valentine party. The red heart was the keynote of the celebration, with variation in size from the tiny candy heart to the largest possible to obtain.

Rev. George A. Miller, pastor of the Ninth Street Christian Church, was the speaker.

MAID

YOU need a maid, a cook or domestic help of some other kind. Nowadays it is rather difficult to find efficient servants, the kind you can rely on to do everything necessary and do it the way you wish. There is a medium through which you can reach this class of workers. Among the many thousands who read The Herald every day are experienced domestics of every kind, cooks, maids, housekeepers, etc. You can easily get in touch with them at a very small cost through—

A "Situations Vacant" Ad On the Classified Page

Asserts Teuton People Proved False to Trust

World Grows Darker, He
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"If your majesty will permit, this young Hollander is a higher teacher of the German language."

The Kaiser understood the intention of his constant companion. He was silent a moment and then said: "So I hope you understand things of the Middle Ages. You recall Walter von der Voegelsweide. The affairs of his home land were a matter of holy seriousness with him, and what wonderfully beautiful lines he has produced over the glory of his fatherland."

Charm of Old Days.

The Kaiser looked with glowing eyes past me and said softly: "For me the Middle Ages have an extraordinary charm, and it won't be light for you to prove to me that we are better off now than then. I pass my days partly in the past of the wonderfully beautiful, heroic Middle Ages."

"The problem of the Nibelungen also interests you? How strong and sound must the people have been who produced such heroes. All the more it will be revenged when such a natural folk believes itself, that is to say, its national pride."

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COAL DEALERS HERE TO FACE FEDERAL TRIAL

Justice Agents Prepared
To Prosecute Cases,
LaFollette Says.

COMBINE CHARGED
TO KEEP UP PRICES

Evidence Before Senators
Stops When Chairman
Announces Plans.

That the Department of Justice will prosecute Washington coal dealers alleged to have combined to prevent reduction in prices was announced yesterday by Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin, chairman of the Senate Coal Investigating Committee.

W. W. Griffith, a director of the Standard Coal Company, was testifying in defense of the dealers when the announcement was made. Upon the advice of his counsel he withdrew without finishing his testimony.

Griffith, L. E. White, Johnston Zimmerman and others were named in the testimony of John C. L. Ritter, E. M. V. Ness, George W. Root, Ernest L. Daniel and Lester H. Charlton in their charges that they were forced out of the coal business during 1919 by the pressure of the "association."

Can Start at Once.

Sensor LaFollette said he had written Griffith an official of the Department of Justice that in the light of the evidence given before the committee, the prosecutions would be started at once against members of the organization which existed in 1919. The present organization is that of the Coal Merchants' Board of Trade, and Ritter says the old organization changed identity after he had filed suit against the Standard Coal Company, with which Griffith is connected. Zimmerman is secretary of the Coal Merchants' Board of Trade. Charlton charged that Zimmerman caused him to stop advertising reduced prices, telling him the association insisted upon it.

Says He Can't Prove.

Ritter charged that White, Ness and others refused to sell him coal for his customers when he was in the coal business because his price of \$5.50 was \$1.50 below the price fixed by the dealers in the alleged combine.

Griffith explained yesterday that the conditions caused by the war and the authorization by the Committee on National Defense of a 10 per cent extra charge on transportation and shrinkage necessitated the dealers being brought together for properly handling the District and Federal fuel situation. He said the handling of coal was placed in the hands of the coal administration, with John L. Weaver, local administrator, in August, 1917, that Weaver appointed a board of advisers, consisting of Edward Colla, with John Griffith, Charles Applegate, himself and possibly another. The retail coal merchants met soon after this.

Stops Testimony.

It was at this point that Griffith dropped his testimony. Senator LaFollette had informed him of the charges against Griffith. He deplored the action of Justice and asked if he wished to go on with his testimony, waiving any claims to immunity.

Frank K. Nebeker, assistant to the Attorney General, who is said to be in charge of the prosecutions, was out of his office last night when the Senate hearing closed for the day.

The hearing yesterday was crowded with coal dealers, completed among the number being J. D. A. Morrow, vice president, and W. R. Reed, secretary of the National Coal Association.

Morrow Surprised.

"The revelation at this hearing are all a surprise to me," said Morrow. "My association has nothing to do with the local distribution of coal. We sell coal at the mines and know nothing about where it goes, except the names of the consignees. We have had nothing to do with any price fixing in Washington. The hearing concerns us in the large degree. The charges are in violation of the situation from a view to determining the advisability of Federal regulation."

Representative George Huddleston's testimony, completed yesterday, in regard to the situation in his State.

C. OF C. URGES FULL ATTENDANCE FEB. 17

Anxious that the February meeting of the Washington Chamber of Commerce, which will be devoted exclusively to the subject of National Representation for the District, shall be the most successful ever held by this body, Albert Schulteis, president of the Chamber, last night mailed a letter to every member of the organization urging their attendance.

This meeting will be held at the New Willard, February 17, at 8 o'clock. Justice Wendell P. Stafford, of the District Supreme Court, will be the principal speaker. Other addresses will be made by Representative Sherman E. Burroughs, of New Hampshire, the author of the resolution providing for national representation; Charles Coppingham and John McCalphay, N. B. Fagan, president of the league, president.

Writers Meet.

Reading and criticism of original manuscripts was the principal feature of the meeting of the Washington Writers' League held in the Public Library last night. Those who read original stories and poems were: Randolph Zeph, Miss Dorothy Lundberg, Charles Coppingham and John McCalphay, N. B. Fagan, president of the league, president.